would be to advance the work timings by one hour in the eastern States; which can be implemented through administrative instructions.

(d) Does not arise

World pro-biotech market

865. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the world's pro-biotech market is to the tune of Rs. 60,000 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India's share in that market is miniscule; and

(c) if so, the efforts Government are making to improve its biotech market, at least to meet its domestic requirements?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) There is no product like pro-biotech and there is no assessment of any world market for pro-biotech products. The common word used in the biotech sector is 'probiotic' in the sense of general microorganisms and their products are used as nutritional supplements.

(c) Biotech market is mainly driven by the market forces. However, the Government is making all efforts to improve the biotech market through various schemes on human resource development from discovery to market; research in strategic areas; public-private partnerships and establishment of critical infrastructure. Tax exemptions and incentives are also provided for promoting biotech industrial growth.

Development of technologies by CSIR

866. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received under the New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership initiative by CSIR in 2007;

(b) the number alongwith the complete details of the proposals received for developing cutting edge technology in the field of medical equipments and import substitutes;

(c) the details of the proposals approved in the field of development of import substitutes in the field of medical equipments;

(d) the details alongwith the reasons for rejecting the proposals received for developing video endoscopes, etc.; and

(e) the reasons why CSIR is not playing an active role in the development of import substitutes in the field of medical technologies?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) CSIR has received 99 proposals for the year 2007 against the press advertisement under the NMITLI-IOP category of projects.

(b) Three proposals were received in the area of medical equipments. These include:

Title of the Proposal	Industry
Mrityunjay - an advanced electronic patient monitoring system	Mrityunjay Medical Systems Pvt. Ltd., Indore
Development of remote patient monitoring system	A3 BioMed Technologies, Mumbai
Development of video endoscopes *i.e.* video gastroscopes, video colonoscopes and video duodenoscopes and gastroenterological accessories	Cardiff Biotech (India) Pvt. Ltd., Delhi

(c) The proposals so received go through several stages of screening and usually a small number of proposals are selected for developing into projects. The proposals received in 2007 are currently at different stages of evaluation. None of the proposals are approved as yet. Out of three proposals listed at (b), only one proposal *viz.*, "Development of remote patient monitoring system" has been short listed at first stage of screening.

(d) The proposal entitled "Development of video endoscopes *i.e.* video gastroscopes, video colonoscopes and video duodenoscopes and gastroenterological accessories" was not short listed as the Screening Committee felt that the proposal did not meet the criteria of NMITLI programme. NMITLI supports those projects which aim at acquiring global leadership position for India through development of cutting edge technology. The said project only proposes to address the manufacturing of the accessories in India which are already available in the market. It may be mentioned that the NMITLI programme is not meant for import substitution and therefore, it is not a criterion for selecting any project.

(e) CSIR does work in the area of medical technologies through its constituent laboratories.

Modernization of technology by CSIR

867. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether CSIR has been modernised for improvement of technology; and

(b) if so, the percentage utilization of new equipments?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. During the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002), grant for Modernization and Up-gradation of Equipment and R&D facilities was provided to CSIR Laboratories/ Institutes for carrying out R&D of high quality. Quantification of such equipment utilization is not possible as the equipments usage varied from lab to lab depending upon the projects in hand.